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On television recently, Mr. Nixon was shown making an address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Referring to the statement attributed to Kennedy that the United States should have apologized to Russia on the U2 incident, Nixon said in effect, "It is my belief that the United States should be so strong that it is not necessary for us to apologize to anyone . . ."

This is the most insupportable position that I ever heard expressed by any responsible person in government. It is the position of the adolescent who says, "I'm bigger than you are, so what are you going to do about it?" Yes, the United States should be so right that it is never necessary for us to apologize.

But "strong," such a notion can originate only in a minuscule mind entirely incapable and unqualified to assume important responsibility. That a country's strength should determine whether it is necessary for her to express regrets or not in diplomatic relations can be associated only with a Hitler regime with absolutely no moral sensibility.

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